

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. By this amendment, applicant responds to the Examiner's objections (page 2 of the Action) to claims 1, 9 and 19, and rejection of claims 1-7, 11 and 15-25 (page 3 of the Action).

Claims Objections:

Applicant's attorney appreciatively acknowledges the Examiner's careful reading of the claims so as to identify the typographical errors in identifying by letter certain steps recited in claims 1, 9 and 19. Accordingly the present amendment corrects those typos.

Claim 1 (line 7): The first appearance of reference "(d)" has been amended to read "(c)", thus removing the incorrect double reference to step (d). The claim as amended recites steps (a); (b); (c); (d); (e).

Claim 9 (line 4): "(d)" has been amended to read "(c)", consistent with the aforementioned change to claim 1.

Claim 19 (line 7): The first appearance of reference "(d)" has been amended to read "(c)", thus removing the incorrect double reference to step (d). The claim as amended recites steps (a); (b); (c); (d).

Double Patenting

To overcome the rejection of claims 1-7, 11 and 15-25, on the nonstatutory basis of double patenting in view of claims 1,4,5,6,7,8,15, and 16 of U.S. Patent 6,712,805, applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR ¶ 1.321(c) accompanied by the requisite government fee under 37 CFR ¶ 1.20(d).

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the objections and rejections of the Office Action mailed October 2, 2006 are fully addressed and overcome by this Response, thus placing the application in condition for allowance. Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney of record for further clarification or assistance.

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